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JACOBI put aside the crown; but the watchful KELLY was on hand to pick it up.

There are no squaws among the Tammany scribes; but they did a great deal of squawking at Syracuse.

With POTTER behind ROBINSON on the Democratic ticket in New York it really wears the Kangaroo look. POTTER is by far the most of a man, and the comparison should not flatter him much.

LAMAR regards BARKSDALE as eminently a peaceful man. He shot DIXON in the interest of law and order—just as the South seemed to have the Union, as held by that other great statesman, CHAMBERS.

In Philadelphia, on Thursday, the Republican City Convention made nominations for the sheriff and other officers with a harmony that makes success certain. An era of good feeling prevailed, and all differences were settled by the selection of a ticket that is certain to be victorious.

TILDEN prophesies an era of good times now, and yet fear is not contended, and Republican measures are still in full blast. How can there be good times while this is thus?

One significant feature of the Syracuse pow-wow was the distribution among the pow-wowers of circulars assailing Governor ROBINSON's personal and political character, and copies of the New York Evening Express, containing Tammany's appeal against TILDEN's dictation. Despite these efforts the CIPHER OGRE carried the day so far as a majority of the convention was concerned, and the Big Indians have, as a result, been banished to the unhappy hunting-grounds in modern politics.

EX-GOVERNOR HOFFMAN, of New York, has retired as a sachem of Tammany and declared his allegiance for ROBINSON and TILDEN. This evidence is a higher degree of political gratitude than is common. It will be recollected that it was TILDEN who counted JOHN A. GRISWOLD out and JOHN T. HOFFMAN in, when the former was hastily elected Governor. Having been made a fraudulent Governor, it is fitting that he should continue his alliance with the most stupendous fraud of the age.

As we figure it, one-third of the delegates to the Syracuse convention were opposed to the renomination of Governor ROBINSON, and of this one-third eighty-three delegates emphasized their opposition by withdrawing from the hall. In other words, of the 384 delegates, 140 refused to bow their necks to the TILDEN yoke and eighty-three joined Boss KELLY in repudiating the assumed vicarious authority of the CIPHER OGRE. And this is the result of the frantic appeals of all the Democratic managers in the Empire State for harmony. The CORNELL boom is booming. Whoopee!

When REV. JOHN JASPER, the eminent colored divine of Richmond, came to Washington last winter and announced that "the sun do move," and COPERNICUS was doored, no one thought that other new discoveries were very near at hand. The success of JASPER, however, has lured Senator THURMAN into the announcement that "specie" payments have not been resumed, and that JOHN SHELMAN, like COPERNICUS, has tried to palm on the world a mighty untruth in the face of reason and the Scriptures. So we gain knowledge; and with JASPER on astronomy and THURMAN on finance, the constituency of both gentlemen are likely to arrive at a high order of information. Evidently the Senator had a high appreciation of the intelligence of his hearers.

The New York Democratic platform is more remarkable for its redundancy of words than for its advertisement of ideas and principles. It is sophistical, hypocritical and delusive in expression, and is only intended to deceive and mislead. It makes war upon the power and right of the Federal Government to conduct and protect the election of its own officers. This is for the Southern and New York city markets. It declares against reviving the issues of the war, but has no word of rebuke for the rebellion nor for the rebel brigadiers who in the last session of Congress not only revived but attempted to reverse the issues and results of the war. The platform, like the Democratic party itself, is simply a fraud. It may, however, be good enough to be used without a party to make it effective.

Our most excellent and highly esteemed German friend and patriot of the Washington Sentinel reads us quite a solemn lecture on our criticisms of Secretary SCHURZ and some of his political idiosyncrasies. To this we make no objection, for we know that our contemporary means well. But it is evidently laboring under a misapprehension of fact when it charges upon THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, as we understand its language, the application of the epithet

"Hessian" to our eccentric Secretary of the Interior. We have no recollection of having applied the term to him, and if we had we should first apologize to the Hessians for the offense. The *Sentinel* is a Democratic journal, as it has a right to be in a free country. It defends Secretary SCHURZ, as is its privilege—that being a matter no doubt more of nationality than of principle. It thinks we are doing him an injustice in ascribing to him the utterances of the *Westliche Post*. Perhaps we are, and if so, we shall regret it; but we much prefer to have the conviction that we are in the wrong come to us through the denial of the Secretary himself than upon that of any friend. A defense of the Secretary would have more weight with us coming from some other than a Democratic standpoint, for that argues no soundness of political principle on his part.

Most certainly it does not strengthen the position of Secretary SCHURZ's defender or of his defense, when in the same breath it denounces the Republican Congressional Committee and the Republican State associations as "un-American." *Par nobis fratrum* applies to this German alliance to make war on GRANT, BLAINE and CORNELL, and it is such political affiliations and performances that lead us to think that the Administration would be greatly improved by relieving itself of all such political ornamentation.

## LET BYGONES BE BYGONES!

It is to be deeply regretted that GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS did not have or take occasion to unwork the vials of his discontent and bitterness in the Saratoga Convention, and thus unload himself of the unfortunate promptings which are now impelling him to acts of hostility toward the Republican party through the columns of *Harper's Weekly*. Mr. CURTIS was a delegate in the Saratoga Convention, and was entitled to indigne and express his preferences. If he did so, he was clearly in the line of right; but if he neglected that duty, and the judgment of the Convention was reached without his protest, even, it does not seem consistent with political good faith now to endanger the success of Republican principles simply because the decision of that body was adverse to his own personal preferences. There were several candidates for the gubernatorial chair, all honorable and capable men, and all, no doubt, well entitled to the distinction; but one, however, could be selected, and the Convention was the proper tribunal to arbitrate and determine the question. Its judgment was promptly and decidedly rendered, and has been accepted with much apparent cheerfulness and good faith by the competing candidates and their friends throughout the State, and there the controversy should have ended. It is the duty of every Republican who intrusted his views, opinions and preferences to that body to abide by its decision with a cheerful and unflinching spirit, under the comforting reflection that he had done his duty, though, much to his regret, the Convention had differed with him in judgment.

The contest now is between the Republican and Democratic parties, and individual preferences are in honor bound to yield to the decision of the Convention. Mr. CORNELL is no longer in controversy, except as the vicarious representative of Republican principles, and hence a blow aimed at him, to be effective, must strike and wound the party and the principles he has been selected to represent. In his sad disappointment over the result in the convention, we fear that Mr. CURTIS has lost sight of his duty as a defender of the Republican faith. This being so, we apprehend that it is unfortunate alike to himself and his party. The country has great need of Republican success in the State of New York at this crisis, and the Republican party has equal need of his distinguished abilities and services in a struggle that is to decide whether the friends or enemies of the Federal Government are to prevail in the Empire State of the Nation, in the pending contest. No nominations were ever more fairly and honorably made than those of the Saratoga Convention. There is no claim by any one, that has come to our notice, that the delegates were unfairly appointed, or that the proceedings and results of the convention were not in strict accord with the principles of right and honor, and there is no power to reverse the judgment of that body, except through the ballot-box, and that will be only by sending the ticket to defeat and giving the Democratic party control of the State. We are reluctant to believe that Mr. CURTIS desires any such result, and hence we shall confidently expect that he will dismiss his feelings of disappointment and chagrin at an early day and put himself heartily in line with the Republican party and its interests, thus rendering signal service to his State and the common country.

## THE HOUR OF MORNING.

Our morning Democratic neighbor accepts disaster with excellent grace. To it the uses of adversity seem to be disciplinary and most excellent, for at no time during a dreary pilgrimage of less than two years has it clothed itself with such an air of meekness and resignation to the inevitable as at the present moment. In referring to the Syracuse explosion, which is life with disaster to the Democratic party and its *alma mater*, the great and good TILDEN, it seems to be duly impressed with the solemnity of the funeral it is now attending. It indulges in such and utterances as these:

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